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WASHINGTON - PRESIDENT CARTER NOMINATED MONDAY ADM. STANFIELD TURNER, WHO HAS MADE HIS REPUTATION AS A MILITARY ANALYST, TO BE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

ADMIRAL TURNER, 53, WHO IS PRESENTLY COMMANDER OF ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE WITH HEADQUARTERS IN NAPLES, SPENT PART OF HIS CAREER IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND, THUS, IN STUDY OF STRATEGIC DETERRENCE. CARTER AND TURNER WERE CLASSMATES AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, TURNER GRADUATING 25TH IN THE CLASS AND THE PRESIDENT, 59TH.

HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT TOLD HIS CABINET MONDAY THAT, ''I NEVER KNEW HIM'' AT ANNAPOLIS. CARTER ADDED THAT TURNER ''WAS SO FAR AHEAD OF US'' IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A MIDSHIPMAN THAT WE NEVER CONSIDERED HIM A COMPETITOR OR EVEN A PEER.''

CARTER, IN AN EXTRAORDINARILY WARM BURST OF PRAISE, SAID OF THE ADMIRAL, ''I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A BETTER MILITARY PERSON,'' ADDING THAT HE WAS SOMEO WHO ''IN THE FUTURE COULD BE THE NEXT GEORGE MARSHALL,'' A REFERENCE TO THE GREATLY RESPECTED ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF IN WORLD WAR II WHO WENT ON TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND OF DEFENSE.

SEVERAL SOURCES ON CAPITOL HILL SAID THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE, WHICH WILL PASS ON THE NOMINATION BEFORE THE FULL SENATE VOTES ON CONFIRMATION, WOULD PROBABLY ''TAKE ITS TIME,'' PARTLY BECAUSE TURNER'S VIEWS ARE LITTLE KNOW AMONG SENATORS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO INITIAL INDICATION THAT THE NOMINATION WOULD RUN INTO THE KIND OF SERIOUS OPPOSITION THAT SCUTTLED CARTER'S ORIGINAL SELECTION OF THEODORE C. SORENSEN TO HEAD THE CIA.

SORENSEN'S NOMINATION RAN INTO TROUBLE PARTLY BECAUSE SOME SENATORS THOUGHT HIS LIBERAL, INTELLECTUAL BACKGROUND WOULD TEND TO ''ISOLATE'' HIM IN THE AGENCY. CARTER HAS APPARENTLY FALLEN BACK ON A MILITARY CHOICE WHICH MAY BE MORE POPULAR WITH CONSERVATIVE SENATORS.

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HOWEVER, IN THE ARTICLE TURNER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WHILE THE UNITE CE; THE MARGIN OF SAFETY WAS BEING REDUCED; CITING UNITED STATES ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE CAPABILITY AS AN EXAMPLE.

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JODY POWELL SAID MONDAY THE PRESIDENT IS ''CONVINCED'' THAT TURNER WOULD NOT BRING WHAT A REPORTED CALLED A ''PAROCHIAL'' AND PRO-NAVY OUTLOOK TO A POSITION WHICH REQUIRES A BALANCED ASSESSMENT OF THE STRENGTH AND INTENTIONS OF A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY.

TURNER HAS NO PUBLIC RECORD THAT WOULD OFFER CLUES AS TO HOW STRONGLY HE FEELS ABOUT THE NEED FOR CLOSER CONTROL OF CIA COVERT OPERATIONS AND THE PREVENTION OF A REPETITION OF PAST ABUSES AND ILLEGALITIES BY THE AGENCY.

HOWEVER, SEN. JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., D-DEL. AND A MEMBER OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, SAID, ''CARTER HAS MADE THAT COMMITMENT TO ME AND I FEEL SURE THAT TURNER WOULD FULFILL IT.'' BIDEN SAID, ''I'M GOING TO WANT TO TAKE A LOOK'' AT TURNER'S OPINIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS, BUT ADDED HE SAW ''NO PROBLEM'' ABOUT CONFIRMATION.

ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER, SEN. ADLAI E. STEVENSON, D-ILL., SAID HE WAS ''UNAWARE OF ANY PROBLEMS'' THAT COULD BLOCK CONFIRMATION.

TURNER WAS CIRCULATING IN SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS MONDAY, SPEAKING WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. STEVENSON SAID HE WAS ''IMPRESSED BY HIM'' AND GOT THE IMPRESSION THA THE ADMIRAL HAD ''DEMONSTRATED A GREAT DEAL OF INDEPENDENCE'' DURING HIS MILITARY CAREER AND WAS ''SOMETHING OF AN ICONOCLAST.''

THE ADMIRAL HAD FLOWN BACK FROM NAPLES FOR A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST THURSDAY. SOURCES SAID THAT CARTER SPOKE ABOUT THE NOMINATION THAT SAME DAY WITH SEN. DANIEL K. INOUYE, D-HAWAII, INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND THAT TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION TO OTHER KEY SENATORS WAS MADE OVER THE WEEKEND.

IN HIS REMARKS TO THE CABINET MONDAY, WHICH WERE REPORTED BY DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY REX GRANUM, CARTER TOLD THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES HE HOPED TO HAVE TURNER ATTEND A CABINET MEETING SOON AND ''GO OVER WHAT THE CIA DOES AND WHAT SERVICES IT HAS TO OFFER.'' GRANUM DID NOT EXPLAIN THAT REMARK.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT THEN SAID, ''THE CIA HAS A LEGITIMATE RESPONSIBILITY, NOT TO DEAL JUST IN WAR, BUT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT CAN RESULT IN PEACE.''

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...IN HIS ... OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, TURNER WILL ALSO COORDINATE INTELLIGENCE REACHING THE PRESIDENT FROM OTHER AGENCIES. IF CONFIRMED, HE WILL BE THE 10TH CIA DIRECTOR SINCE THE AGENCY WAS CREATED IN 1947 AND THE FOURTH WHO HAS BEEN A MILITARY OFFICER. BY LAW, HIS DEPUTY DIRECTOR WILL HAVE TO BE A CIVILIAN.

AN ARTICLE BY TURNER CALLED ''THE NAVAL BALANCE: NOT JUST A NUMBERS GAME'' IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF THE QUARTERLY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL PROBABLY BE WIDELY READ IN WASHINGTON IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO PROVIDE A CLUE TO HIS THINKING.

IN THE ARTICLE, HE SUGGESTS THAT A MEANINGFUL COMPARISON OF UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION NAVAL POWER CAN BEST BE MADE, NOT BY COUNTING SHIPS AND PLANES, BUT BY ASSESSING TO WHAT DEGREE THE AMERICAN FORCE REMAINS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT ITS MAJOR MISSIONS.

IN THE ARTICLE, TURNER SAYS THAT THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THIRD POWERS BY AMERICAN NAVAL ''PRESENCE'' CAN BE DILUTED BY OVERSTATED WARNINGS OF THE SOVIET THREAT AND CALLS FOR ''EXERCISING CARE IN OUR PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS.''

''A DOOMSDAY PICTURE CONVINCINGLY DRAWN FOR A CONGRESSIONAL BUDGETARY COMMITTEE MAY NEGATIVELY INFLUENCE OTHER NATION'S PERCEPTIONS OF OUR NAVAL EFFECTIVENESS,'' HE WROTE.

TURNER ADDED THAT ''THERE IS LATITUDE FOR VARYING ACCEPTABLE DEGREES OF NAVAL BALANCE,'' AND THAT, ''THE DEGREE OF ACCEPTABILITY DEPENDS ON JUDGMENTS WHICH TRANSCEND THE POWER OF MILITARY MEN.''

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